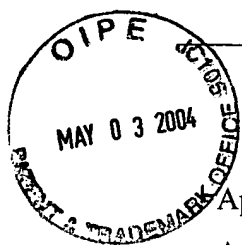


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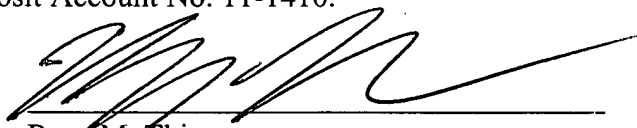
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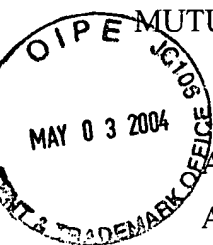
  
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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action, mailed on March 24, 2004, a Restriction Requirement was imposed. In connection therewith, it is asserted that the application contained claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are as follows:

For the metal fiber additive, the species include iron fiber, nickel fiber, copper fiber, zinc fiber, titanium fiber, aluminum fiber, silver fiber, gold fiber, platinum fiber, iron-chromium alloy fiber, iron-chromium-nickel alloy (stainless steel) fiber, aluminum copper fiber, aluminum-manganese alloy fiber, aluminum-magnesium alloy fiber, and aluminum-silicon-magnesium alloy fiber.

For the cathode material, the species include organic sulfur compound, a polymeric organic sulfur compound, a compound represented by the formula  $\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{A}_x\text{Ni}_{1-y}\text{B}_y\text{O}_2$  (where, A=alkaline metal or alkaline earth metal, B=transition metal,  $0 \leq x \leq 0.1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1.0$ ); a compound represented by the formula  $\text{LiMn}_{2-y}\text{M}_y\text{O}_4$  (where, M=Fe, Co, Ni:  $0.02 \leq y \leq 0.3$ ); a compound represented by the formula  $\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{Ni}_{1-y}\text{B}_y\text{O}_2$  (where, B=transition metal,  $0 \leq x \leq 0.1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1.0$ );  $\text{NbSe}_3$ ;  $\text{Li}_x\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  (where,  $0 \leq x \leq 0.3$ ); and  $\text{Li}_x\text{V}_6\text{O}_{13}$  (where,  $0 \leq x \leq 0.3$ ).

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**Election**

For the metal fiber additive, Applicants hereby elect the species including iron-chromium-nickel alloy (stainless steel) fiber. For the cathode material, Applicants hereby elect the species including a compound represented by the formula  $\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{A}_x\text{Ni}_{1-y}\text{B}_y\text{O}_2$  (where, A=alkaline metal or alkaline earth metal, B=transition metal,  $0 \leq x \leq 0.1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1.0$ ). The claims that read on the elected species include claims 1-4 and 6-12.

**Conclusion**

Should the Examiner have any concerns that might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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